

Letter from a Merchant of London, to a Member
of Parliament.

old it be found expedient to reduce this Duty, the
Planter will receive the Advantage in the Price of
Sulphur; because the Spirits extracted therefrom,
keep up its Price, according to its fineness and
its Quality to French Brandy; and thereby
in Competition with French Run-Brandy, to the
Disservice of the French Nation, and without interfere-
ing the least with Malt Spirits; as the Price of these
Sulphur Spirits will be far beyond that of Malt
Spirits, and, consequently, beyond the Reach of the
Poor People.

therefore evident, that too high Duties in any whatsoever, on any Part of the (b) Produce of British Sugar-Cane, are inconsistent with the true Interest of this Nation, as we have dangerous Rivals and Competitors to struggle with; and besides, the Sugar-Cane is, in Effect, the Produce of Great Britain, as our Wool; since our Sugar Plantations are planted, maintained, and supported with British Produce and Manufactures, either directly, or by a Circulation of our Manufactures for the Sugar-Cane. Trade: And the Supplies and Products of our Colonies are transported in Ships built in British Dock-Yards, and navigated by British Seamen.

Moreover, if a Consumption of those Products be duly encouraged, it would countervail, in some of the many Advantages the French have over us; it is now too evident, from the surprising Increase of their Trade of their Islands in the West-Indies over ours, during the last (c) Thirty Years. But forbid this American Trade should go on in the (d) worse Course, any longer; for should the Case, our Fate must soon be determin'd; it is more than probable, that this Increase of the Trade is owing to Incumbrances on our American Commerce, besides the many Duties that have from Time been impos'd, and continued on our

The French have increased from the Quantity of 30,000 Hogheads to 120,000, or thereabouts; and the Kingdom about 40,000, to no more than 70,000 Hogheads, that Term.

The late Duty on Molasses varies the Course to the Use of the British Planter.

I shall now endeavour to obviate some Doubts, with respect to the supposed Advantages arising to the Sugar-Planters, from the advanced Prices of Sugar; by shewing the advanced Charges on that Commodity since the Commencement of the present War; viz.

The Hundred Weight 12 6

As a farther Proof to this Assertion, it can be made appear, that since the Year 1729, Muscovado Sugar sold in England, for Seven Years together, at 22 s. per Hundred Weight in an Average, notwithstanding there was Forty Thousand Hogheads of Sugar re-exported to Foreign Ports within that Term; and it is well known, that that low Price of 22 s. per Hundred Weight (after paying Duties, besides other Expences) baulk'd the Settlement of several new Plantations, and knock'd up several old Ones; insomuch, that the Importation of Sugar into Great Britain decreased at least 15,000 Hogheads per Annum, for several Years together.

(e) The French have not lain any Duty on their Sugar since the Year 1698, however pressing the Exigencies of their Government might have been since that Time.

S I R,

I should have taken no Notice of either of these Writers, had not the last-mentioned Pamphlet been a Performance so extraordinary, that it has been suspected that I wrote it myself, or procured it to be wrote. I thought myself therefore obliged to declare, that I do not so much as know who the *polite* and *learned* Author may be. And that all that I have, or will have to say

Their much obliged humble Servant.

The APOLOGIST.

H O M E P O R T S.

Deal, January 21. Wind W. S. W. This Morning arrived his Majesty's Ships the Jersey, Winchester, and Saltash Sloop, the Feron, Surelife, and the Centurion Privateer, all from Portsmouth; and several Coasters under their Convoy, from the Westward. Put back this Afternoon his Majesty's Ship the Ludlow Castle, with the Outward-bound Ships. Came down the Judith, Bradshaw, for Lisbon; the Mediterranean, Smith, for Dublin; and the ———, Grace, for Liverpool; and remain with his Majesty's Ships the Harwich, Shoreham, and Granada Bomb. The Saltash is sailed for the River.

Arrived

At Kinfale, the ———, Faulkner, from St. John's,
for Bristol.

L O N D O N

There are some private Letters from Paris, which say, that the Funds hitherto devised, will by no Means answer the Expences of the next Year; and that the Alteration of the Coin has been resolv'd upon, as the only Expedient that can answer.

The same Letters say, that the Intendants of several Provinces have represented to the Court, that the Inspectors of Parishes, in their Divisions, have reported, that it is simply impossible to complete the Levies for the Militia, without taking married Men, or such as hitherto have been excepted; which has occasioned the suspending, for a Time, the Orders that have been issued on that Head.

At a Court Martial, lately held at Portsmouth, a C-p-tain was mulcted a Year's Pay, for not firing his Stern Guns when first attack'd. The other Court Martials are postponed till the Arrival of Admiral Medley, with the Squadron under his Command.

The Thames, Merchant, passed by Gibraltar the 4th of December.

The Queen of Hungary, Fau'kner, for London, was well at Philadelphia, the 30th, N. S.

A few Days ago died, in a very advanced Age, at Stourminster-Marsh in Dorsetshire, the Rev. Mr. Montague, Minister of that Parish,

Last Monday, the Chevalier de Champigny, Minister from the Elector of Cologne, had a Private Audience of his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; wherein he remitted from his Master a Congratulation of his Royal Highness's Birth-Day. He was afterwards, with several other Foreign Ministers, &c. splendidly entertain'd by the Right Hon. the Earl of Scarborough, Treasurer to his Royal Highness.

Yesterday a great Number of Journeymen Taylors attended at the House of Commons, to deliver their Cases to the several Members, setting forth their Hardships relating to their Wages, and humbly begging Relief.

Last Monday Night died the Lady of Capt. Rogers, at his House in Petty-France, Westminster.

Last Monday died, in advanced Years, at her Lodgings within Bishopsgate, Mrs Fitzgerald, Relict of Edward Fitzgerald, Esq; of Wormley in Surry.

Sir Robert Wesley, Knt. Alderman of Queenbith Ward, has appointed Mr. Edward Davies, a great Grocer on Bread-street Hill, to be his Deputy, in the room of Robert Alsop, Esq; who has resign'd.

Last Friday the Rev. Mr. Guayham, of Coneyhatch in Middlesex, was married to Miss Hunter, Third Daughter to Mr. James Hunter, a great Packer in Leadenhall-Street.

From the London Gazette.

Gibraltar, December 14. On the 8th Instant a Fleet of Ships, making in all 19 Sail, appeared about three Leagues distant from the Hill. Nine of them appeared to be French Men of War, of 60 Guns each, or upwards. On the 10th, it blowing a strong Levant Wind, the said Fleet sailed thro' the Gut to the Westward, and came close by Europa Point. His Britannick Majesty's

Ship the Phoenix fell in with them the 10th, in the Night; as did also the Guernsey, the 11th in the Morning, but they outlasted them, and got safe in here. We have Advice, that there is in the Bay of Cadiz three Register Ships fitting out for the West Indies; and the Terrible, a French Ship of 74 Guns, which, it is thought, is to join the Fleet which sailed through the Gut on the 10th.

BANKRUPTS.

Hamilton Peeters, late of the Maize, in the Parish of St. Olave, Southwark, in the County of Surry, Merchant.

William Aldrich, of Matfield, in the County of Suffolk, Maltster.

Daniel Lindsey, of Thames-street, London, Orange Merchant and Chapman.

William Windle, late of Cræces, in the County of York, Woolstapler and Chapman.

High Water this Day	Morning	Evening
at London-Bridge.	07 10	07 32

Bank Stock, 144. India, 181 1-half. South Sea, 108. Old Annuity, 109 3-8ths to 1-4th. New ditto, 109 7-8ths to 3-4ths. Three per Cent. 89 1-half. Ditto 1743, 88 1-half. Ditto 1744, 88 1-half. Seven per Cent. Loan, Nothing done. Five per Cent. ditto Nothing done. Royal Assurance, 189. London Assurance, 11 1-4th. India Bonds, 18 s. to 12 s. Bank Circulation, 2 l. Salt Talties, Nothing done. Three 1-half per Cent. Exchequer Orders, Nothing done. Three per Cent. ditto, Nothing done. Million Bank, 116. Equivalent, 108.

Admiralty-Office, January 21, 1744.

THE Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty having been informed, that a Disturbance has lately happened between two Lieutenants of his Majesty's Ships, employ'd in Pressing, and the Crews of some Merchant Ships performing Quarantine in Standgate Creek; in order therefore to quiet the Apprehensions of the Masters and Crews of Merchant Ships, under such Circumstances; their Lordships have ordered this Publication to be made, to assure them, they shall not for the future be any Ways molested by his Majesty's Officers employ'd in Pressing, nor only while they are performing Quarantine in Standgate Creek, but also when the said Quarantine is finished, they shall be suffered to Navigate their Ships freely to their Moorings in the River Thames.

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